



Sheffield Moors Partnership

Barbrook Cottage – Wednesday 17th April 2019 (2:00pm - 4:00pm)

Present:

Bob Berzins (PLAF)
Chris Fry (MFFP)
Danny Udall (EMP)
Dave Aspinall (SCC)
Felicite Dodd (NE)
Henry Folkard (BMC)
John Horscroft (Ride Sheffield)
Matt Croney (Nature People)
Nabil Abbas (SRWT)
Rachel Bennett (NT)
Sue Fletcher (PDNPA)
Ted Talbot (NT)

Apologies:

John Gilpin (SCC)
Jon Dallow (SCC)
Matthew Scott-Campbell (MFFP)
Terry Howard (SR & SLAF)

Item 1. Matters arising from the minutes of the last meeting

- Notes from PDNP Events workshop to be sent round – simple code of conduct and calendar approach. Dogs on leads signs have gone live. Minutes of the last meeting agreed as a true record.
- Correction oaks not doing well.

Item 2. Partner updates

John Gilpin (Sheffield City Council)

- 300 oaks planted on Burbage in plantation
- 5 ranger days with volunteers moving pine and larch
- Supported sphagnum planting project
- Beat up planting at Redmires
- Planned improvements to Redmires car park and ditches



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Nabil Abbas (Sheffield & Rotherham Wildlife Trust)

- HLF claims and financial year end.
- Landscape partnership project recruitment.
- Vacancies currently being advertised.

Sue Fletcher (Peak District National Park)

- Access – miles without stiles book now sold out.
- Countryside code and suite of signs – event planned in June will circulate draft list of attendees.
- Chatsworth moorland meeting planned Saturday 25th May 2019.
- Water environment grants – building blocks and gully blocking on SAC been successful.
- White peak pilot phase one test using landscape character assessment.

Chris (Moors for the Future Partnership)

- Winter works completed in March.
- Survey on winter hill – fire resilience and restoration plans.
- Monitoring water flow for Moorlife.
- Clough woodland guidance produced and has been released.

Felicite Dodd (Natural England)

- Guidance note released – moorland management
- Agreements now sit with RPA – must be first point of contact

Ted Talbot (National Trust, Longshaw)

- Office and sub-station building work have started.
- Ecological surveys have started. Woodland birds, willow tit and bird boxes. Reports of Flycatchers and Redstarts arriving back on 14th April 2019.
- Adder telemetry project – funding bid – EMP & Longshaw.



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- Rangers working on access points, footpaths, tree nursery project, installing beds and paths, boundary works, dogs on leads signs out, fire preparation and hub landscaping project.
- Cattle started to arrive back – on Bolehill, Greenwood, Timothy Field and Little Moor. Will be on Lawrence Field after the bank holiday weekend and the rest of Longshaw from Wednesday 1st May.
- Lambing in fields at Yarncliff and lambs appearing on the Sheffield Plantation.
- Easter events for 4 weeks to cover school holidays for Derbyshire and Sheffield – not doing Cadburys this year. Easter trail focus on wildlife and dogs on leads.
- Regular events T10 and muck-in day happening.
- NT recognising interaction between cattle and people – action to message to our visitors. 19 people attended a walking guide event looking at cattle safety in the countryside. Plan to develop this as a course for outdoor activity providers.

Danny Udall (Eastern Moors, NT & RSPB)

- SMP masterplan review.
- Take the Lead has gone 'live'.
- Houndkirk track – impact off the track on SSSI – keep on the track message. On Look North tonight!
- Deer management – reduction in numbers.
- Focusing on rights of way and access points/infrastructure works.
- Shared vacancy post now live between EMP & Longshaw.
- RZ monitoring up and running.

John Horscroft (Ride Sheffield)

- Cut Gate – idea from RS great that the project has grown with partnership.
- 3 red deer in Lady Canning's Plantation.
- Trash free trails – visit on Thursday 18th May 2019.

Terry Howard (Sheffield Ramblers & Sheffield Local Access Forum)



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- The Bradfield Ancient Ways Improvements is progressing quite well with several stiles completed. Reports of progress have been given to funders and partners. The stiles may be finished this year. (Further updates can be given by Sam).
- Aspirational Routes: Question. Have these been received for circulation? Not sure they have, if not I will make sure you receive them.
- The early and later access movement was always much more than simply wanting to gain access to mountain and moorland, yes it was about public access, but it was always about wildlife protection, heritage protection and landscape protection, thus the National Parks Act 1949 and the CROW Act 2000. The only "new" thing which is added to the previous list of three is Climate Change which you have to address in your work. However there seems to be an emerging concern from young people who have carried out protests about the lack of action from governments. Is this something you can use and capitalise on?
- 2026 remains the cut-off date for making historical claims for rights of way, "Lost Ways". I raise this because there is a potential for many routes across all SMP land, and I believe there is a need to be aware of it. (For right or for wrong the research work will have to be done by volunteers which takes quite a long time to do and I feel that 2026 will be here before the work is completed, which will please some landowners). I have done much research myself particularly on SMP land and have found very many ancient routes, you may be aware of them yourself. But were they legally closed? The maxim of "Once a highway always a highway" still exists in law unless it was closed under an Enclosure Act/Award, Turnpike Act or some other legal procedure. These Acts/Awards mentioned are not always specific on routes and some may still have public rights (although the beneficiaries of the Acts/Awards would have done their utmost to prevent people using the old routes over their newly acquired land). I wonder if the SMP have a view on "Lost Ways" and if they should consider it more.
- Lastly, again, the two LAFs have lists of routes they would like to see, Peak District LAF - "Wish List" and Sheffield LAF - "Aspirational Routes". Perhaps the SMP should consider these lists of routes on their land.

Henry Folkard (British Mountaineering Council)

- Cut Gate work going ahead - BMC visiting in the autumn.
- BMC mounting a campaign about picking up litter.
- Information getting through on conservation.
- Thank you for BMC communication about raptor and raptor nests.

Bob Berzins (Peak Local Access Forum)



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- Strategic meeting about northern England Transport plan – looking at routes through the PDNP. Including improvement to Hope Valley line and roads on the Manchester side of the A628 (dual carriage way and tunnel through Woodhead valley.)

Item 3. Discuss and review the 5-year draft report

- 50-page long report produced. What has been achieved and what are the future priorities of the partnership, with some recommendations made.
- Achievements looked over and agreement sought to share the review more widely on the SMP website. Questions on whether cultural heritage has been fully embraced. This need to be considered further. Suggested a meeting with Dr Phil from Hunter Archaeological to discuss (and invite to the next SMP meeting.) Matt will remove cultural heritage section from achievements.
- Sheffield Outdoor City – think about how we best get The Outdoor City involved as a partner. Looking at visitor and user payback. Positive having people in the landscape as a resource and to support conservation and conservation messaging.
- Proposal for a unified approach to resolving difficult issues in the landscape and how the public are involved in resolving some of these issues. This was agreed by the group.
- Agreed on recommendations of draft report. However, Sue suggested looking at language that appeals to both potential funders and the public (public goods and services.) Include the cultural heritage point removed from achievements.
- Recommendations to be explored in a day-long facilitated workshop, including looking at different models of partnership structures from other NIA partnership areas, to inform future governance and stakeholder input of the SMP.
- Ted, Matthew and Danny will work together to pull together a workshop for the next SMP meeting. See date of next meeting below.
- All happy to share the review with minor tweaks as described above. Matt to rework and circulate before shared wider with public.
- *Post-meeting comments from Louise Hawson (speaking on behalf the BMC) have been factored in to the final report by Matt Croney.*

A.O.B.

- Progress on EMP management plan, DU is working on it.

Date of next meeting: Wednesday 5th June, 11.30am – 4.30pm, at MDC, Longshaw Estate.

Please note this meeting will be the SMP post-review “next steps” workshop with Matt Croney.

Meeting ends